

January 18, 2007

Alan C. Lloyd, Ph.D., Chair
Economic and Technology Advancement Advisory Committee
California Environmental Protection Agency
1001 I Street,
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Expansion of Recycling Section in ETAAC Report

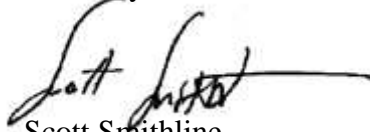
Dear Chair Lloyd:

The latest version of the ETAAC report offers a substantial improvement with regards to recommendations about waste reduction, recycling, and composting. We appreciate the efforts of your committee and look forward to the implementation of the strategies outlined in sections J, K, L, M, and N of the Industrial Sector in your final recommendations to the ARB.

The discrete policy suggestions laid out in these sections are recommendations that will allow the state to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the mining, manufacturing, forestry, agriculture, transportation, electricity and waste management sectors. According to EPA estimates, reducing current disposal by only 25% would reduce greenhouse gases by 5 MMTCO₂E. Unlike many other greenhouse gas reduction technologies, recycling and composting are also widely accepted and have a proven economic track record. GHG reductions from this sector can be attained by utilizing and expanding the existing infrastructure without significant investment in new technologies or systems. Moreover, the CIWMB estimates that increasing the flow through California's existing materials recovery and recycling infrastructure will have twice the economic benefit of landfilling the same material.

Despite recycling's proven environmental and economic track record, there are currently many barriers to the expansion of California's waste diversion infrastructure. The recommendations presented in Sections J through N would go a long way towards removing these barriers and maximizing the greenhouse gas reduction potential of this sector.

Sincerely,



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cc: Members, ETAAC
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